more deterrent action alone cannot preserve and protect national honour; national honour is a concept to be cherished and to be proud of. It is the duty of every Indian without any exception to uphold national honour.

Statement

No such incident was reported by Gujarat, Haryana, Manipur, Nagaland, Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry. Government of Maharashtra have reported 11 incidents in which investigations are in progress and the conclusions of which will be intimated. The Government of Gao, Daman and Diu have reported two incidents in which 7 persons have been arrested and charge-sheeted.

Import of fertilizers

@822. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of the 27th December, 1986 under the caption 'Fertilisers import foreign exchange outgo can be brought down if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item in essence states that Indian imports of fertilizers are effected when market conditions are bullish resulting in imports at high prices.

(b) Import of fertilizer has a residual role in meeting the needs of the farmers for agriculture and in fulfilling the gap between demand and indigenous production. Import plan is scheduled so as to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to the farmers based on the annual as well as seasonal requirements of crops. International prices of fertilizers fluctuate according to the demand and supply position in the world. Efforts are being made to arrange fertilizer imports at most economic prices and maximise purchases of fertilizers from Rupee Payment Area to conserve free foreign exchange (FFE).

Boycott of Republic Day

823. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain groups had issued statements and call for boycott of Republic Day; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

The Babri Masjid Action Committee initially gave a call for boycott of the Republic Day. Some more organisations also joined the boycott move. However, the Babri Masjid Action Committee subsequently withdrew the boycott call.

Narmada Project

824. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the disposal of

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@Previously Unstarred Question 437, transferred from the 27th February, 1987.

matters related to the environmental aspect of Narmada Project as per his assurance given during the discussion on a statement laid by him in the House on 19th November, 1986 wherein he had assured that matters related to environment would be disposed of within a period of three months;

(b) by when the said project is likely to be cleared by his Ministry; and

(c) what demands have been put forth by other affected States and on what points discussions have been held with them and what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) All projects where complete information is furnished on environmental and forestry aspects are decided within a maximum period of three months. For Narmada Project complete details are not yet available.

(b) Though the preliminary details have been provided on Rehabilitation, Catchment Area Treatment, Command Area Development and Compensatory Afforestation, detailed Action Plans are yet to be worked out by the Project Authorities. The question of clearance of the Narmada Sagar Project is under consideration in the context of all the environmental impacts.

(c) Discussions have been held with the Project authorities in the affected States to make rehabilitation, compensatory afforestation and other environmental aspects integral parts of the project.

Foreign Tourists

825. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of foreign tourists who visited the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what position is expected by the end of the current financial year;

(c) whether the flow of foreign tourists has been rising or declining during these years;

(d) what steps are being taken to attract more foreign tourists and increase foreign exchange earnings therefrom; and

(e) what are the details of facilities for tourists being improved at different tourist spots?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The foreign tourist traffic to India, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh, during 1983-84 to 1986-87 along with percentage change is as given below:—

	Number	%Change
1983-84	905,980	4.7
1984-85	801,336	-11.6
1985-86	899,754	12.3
1986-87	1108,000(E)	23.1

(E): — Estimated

(d) The steps taken by the Government to increase the foreign tourist traffic to India include vigorous publicity campaigns with emphasis on consumer advertising, stepping up of public relations with overseas media agencies, tour operators and travel agencies, promotion of special interest tourism and marketing India in segments, launching of off-season schemes and promotional schemes like "Affordable India" and 'India on the House', development of infrastructural facilities and transport systems, including charter traffic, etc.

(e) Accommodation and transport facilities are being improved in different tourist spots jointly with